

d.) Remarks

Counsel for Applicant notes that independent claims 4 and 33 have been allowed and claims 20, 21, and 31 have been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is noted however that claim 31 had a Section 112 objection raised against the claim and pursuant to this amendment, this formal objection regarding a lack of antecedent has been complied with.

As a matter of better form, claim 20, which has been rewritten as claim 34, newly submitted. This new claim 34 includes all of the limitations of claim 20, and preceding claims 19, 16, 14, 13, 8, 7, and 6. It was believed simpler to rewrite this claim as claim 34, rather than attempting to make all of the insertions in the antecedent claims.

Accordingly, claim 21, which was originally dependent on claim 20, has now been amended to recite that it is dependent upon claim 34.

The final allowable dependent claim 31 also was dependent on a number of prior claims, namely claims 30, 29, 28, and 26. For the same reasons specified in connection with claim 20, claim 31 has likewise been rewritten as a single claim 35 and incorporates all of the subject matter of claim 31 and the antecedent claims.

It is now believed that this application is in proper condition for allowance and such action is requested. In the event there has been some oversight on the part of Applicant's counsel, a telephone call would be appreciated.

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Respectfully submitted,

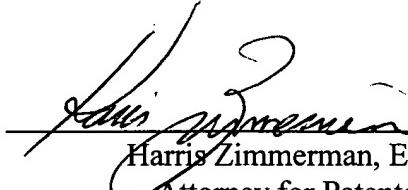


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